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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BELIZE ISSUE: TROOP REDUCTIONS AND NEW TALKS

REF: (A) STATE 078755; (B) STATE 078713

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF EVENING APRIL 19, BRITISH CONSUL WEYMES MADE IT EVIDENT THAT HE (AND PRESUMABLY HMG) WAS NOT REPEAT NOT AWARE OF EMPHASIS BEING GIVEN BY ARENALES TO TOKEN REDUCTION OF BRITISH BELIZE GARRISON AS A FORE-RUNNER TO REINITIATING TALKS WITH BRITISH. WEYMES SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE KNOW THAT ARENALES HAD MADE THE POINT ABOUT TOKEN TROOP REDUCTIONS SOME TIME AGO (AUGUST 1973), THE BRITISH HAD HEARD NOTHING ALONG THIS LINE SINCE THEN AND THEY HAD BEEN GOING ON ASSUMPTION THAT IF ALL WENT WELL IN ATLANTA AND COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN NATIONS DID NOT MAKE PUBLIC ISSUE OF BELIZE PROBLEM, ARENALES WOULD BE WILLING START TALKING AGAIN WITH NO FURTHER ACTION NEEDED ON THEIR PART. EMBOFF MADE IT CLEAR TO WEYMES THAT ARENALES STILL HAS IDEA OF TOKEN REDUCTION
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PRIOR TO RESUMING TALKS VERY MUCH ON HIS MIND.

2. WITH REGARD REF B, EMBASSY DOES NOT SHARE
CONTENTION IN LAST SENTENCE PARA 1 THAT GOG MIGHT
WELCOM DIVERSIONARY INCIDENT WITH REGARD TO BELIZE
TO TAKE PRESSURE OFF INTERNAL SITUATION. GOG DURING
PRE-ELECTORAL PERIOD WANTED BELIZE QUESTION
KEPT IN LOWEST KEY POSSIBLE AND THIS STILL APPEARS TO
BE THEIR POSITION IN THIS POST-ELECTORAL PERIOD. A
FLARE UP OF BELIZE ISSUE AT THIS TIME WOULD NOT BE A DIVERSION
BUT SIMPLY ANOTHER PROBLEM.
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